

Family/Carers Questions: Learning Disability Accommodation Services  
February 2016

Dear [name of carer/family member]

As you know we are consulting on proposed options for re-modelling Learning Disability Accommodation services. We need to remodel services so that they meet individual service users' needs whilst providing better value for money as there is insufficient money to keep the services as it is.

The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of carers, service users and advocates on three options for re-providing the care and support.

As a relative of [service user name] who lives at [name of service], one of the services being consulted on, we are very keen to hear your opinions.

You should already have received a letter inviting you to a Consultation meeting to discuss the options and offering the opportunity to meet with us individually. We also want to give people the opportunity to provide their views in writing and we will feed back your responses/comments below to the Policy and Resources Committee to inform its decision about the future of the service. We will inform you of the date of the Committee meeting when this has been confirmed. The earliest this could take place is April 2016.

The three options (agreed by Members of the Policy and Resources Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015) are as follows:

1. *That people are supported to move to alternative accommodation that meets their needs and can be provided in a more cost effective way.*

**This means that your relative may move to another service.**

2. *That people are supported to receive a personal budget and alternative accommodation.*

This means that you would be advised of the amount of money that could be used to fund a different accommodation and support service. This amount is based on individual needs. You would then, with assistance if you require it, either help your relative or on their behalf choose arrange and pay for that alternative accommodation and support using your relative's personal budget allocation.

3. *That people remain in their existing homes and receive their care and support from another provider.*

This means your relative would stay living where they do now but their care and support would be provided through another Independent or Voluntary Sector organisation and not directly by the council. The existing staff would transfer their employment to the new care provider.

Please rank the options in order of preference in the table below (add 1 for your first choice, 2 for your second and 3 for your third).

1. That people are supported to move to alternative accommodation that meets their needs and can be provided in a more cost effective way	
2. That people are supported to receive a personal budget and alternative accommodation.	
3. That people remain in their existing homes and receive their care and support from another provider.	

Please explain the reasons for your preferences and outline any implications for you/your relative below?

If you have any queries about this questionnaire or the consultation process please do not hesitate to contact us (see contact details below)

Please return your questionnaire in the Stamped Addressed Envelope provided.

Deadline for return so we can analyse the feedback is **30<sup>th</sup> January 2016** **we have extended this to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

We will feed back the outcomes of the Consultation to the Committee in an anonymised format and will send you a copy of the report when it is available.

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